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23 May Chuck Morris
25-27 May Trip to Frisco

The National Utah Token Society (NUTS) meets at the Redwood Multipurpose Center, 3100 South Redwood Road, SLC, UT, on the 4th Thursday at 7:15p.m.

★ PRIZES ★

DRAWING

Sherwood Market SLC IT ONLY 1
F Anselmo & Co Columbia GF 50¢ IT
H & M Stores SLC GF 25¢ IT
Burkes Smoke House Magna GF 5¢ IT
Fisher Dairy SLC (blank reverse)
Grayson Co-Operative Co Blanding GF 25¢ IT
1/20th oz. South Dakota Buffalo Gold

Geneal said she would like to thank Darrin Smith for his enlightening presentation on Logan. He had a lot of material that he couldn't get to because of the preparations for the Mountain Meadows trip. We would like to see him return and be our speaker again.

She thanks Mel Milgrom for all the work he had to do organizing the trip to Mountain Meadows. We appreciate all the details and foresight he has gone to.

Those members absent really missed out on a good presentation by Darrin and an excellent trip to Southern Utah.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

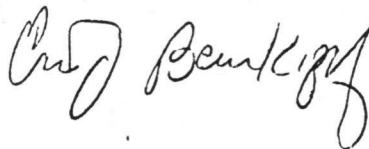
Dear NUTS members,

I'm sorry I could not make the last meeting. I hope Darrin Smith provided everyone with some interesting, historical information about Logan. Our May speaker will be Chuck Morris. Chuck has done quite a bit of gold nugget shooting over the past couple of years, and has some nice specimens to look at. He runs Chuck's Enterprises in North Salt Lake and has a complete line of various types of metal detectors. I want to know where he finds those nuggets! Chuck's talk should provide us with new ideas and get the blood pumping. Be careful because gold fever is very catchy!

We had a very good turnout for our Mountain meadows massacre dig. I think I personally counted over 30 people there on Saturday morning. The state archeologist gave us a very interesting report on the critical events of the massacre. As of this writing I really don't know all that was found. Maybe some of the members can enlighten us at the next meeting. I found two horseshoes and other assorted pieces of junk. K.S.L. (channel 5) was there and the club did get on the news on Saturday night. I would like to sincerely thank Mel Milgrom for putting this dig together. I know he has spent lots of his time coordinating all of it. Everything went very smoothly. Thanks again Mel, not many people would go to the trouble that you did.

The Frisco dig is coming up on Memorial day. People that plan to attend should also go out to Newhouse, it's not too far away and it has some potential. Please try to get out and advertise for our upcoming token show. It's only one month away. Tell all your friends, relatives, and neighbors about it. See you at the meeting.

Sincerely, Eric J. Bernkopf



FRISCO

Frisco, born in 1876, after the chance discovery of silver and lead ores in 1875, nestles in the southern tip of the San Francisco mountains, from which comes its name. Two slightly varying accounts tell of the origin. According to one, two prospectors, James Ryan and Samuel Hawkes, were working a small claim and they passed by a limestone ledge every day from their camp to their workings. Finally, one day, they hiked up to the ledge, chipped some pieces from it, found silver-bearing galena and knew they had something good. The other story has the same two men passing by the ledge on the way from Pioche to possibly Alta or Park City to participate in those booms. At any rate after sinking a 25 foot shaft through almost solid ore, as typical prospectors, they thought they had best get out while they could. In early 1876 they sold the claim for \$25,000 and thought they were getting a steal.

The new owners called it the Horn Silver mine and shortly began to realize values of \$100 per ton. The new town developed rapidly; mining merchants and drifters came in by the hundreds. Other mines were struck, the Carbonate, Rattler, Golden Reef and Grampion, each having its own smelter. Charcoal ovens were built to serve the smelters, using the various kinds of cedar, dwarf pine, mountain mahogany and sagebrush.

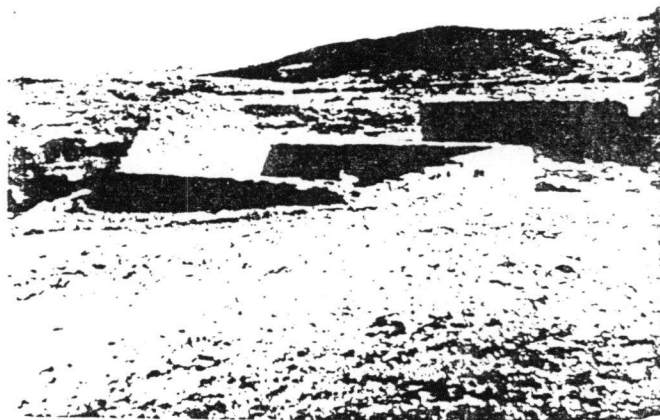
Because of the lack of water, the town "needed" 23 saloons to wash down the dust. With that kind of a start Frisco was soon known as the wildest town in the Great Basin. Killings were commonplace and the "meat wagon" made especially heavy hauls after payday. Water was freighted in with supplies or brought from Wah Wah Springs to the west and sold door to door.

In 1879, the well-known banker Jay Cooke and some Salt Lake City interests bought the Horn Silver mine for \$5 million, then persuaded the Utah Southern Railroad to build an extension to Milford and up to Frisco. This was accomplished in 1880, which made ore shipments to the Salt Lake Valley smelters more economical than processing them in town.

Water was brought in tank cars from Black Rock and supplies from Salt Lake City. The only trouble with the railroad was it brought in even more gamblers, night ladies and such. From 1880-85 some 6000 people lived in town. Houses and shops were built on all the level places plus up on the hillsides. Numerous general and specialty stores were booming. There was a hotel with a basement dance hall which also served for town meetings, political rallies and church services. A schoolhouse and weekly paper, *The Frisco Times*, were busy. The hospital was also quite active as underground temperatures were high and miners suffered from various illnesses aggravated by their work.



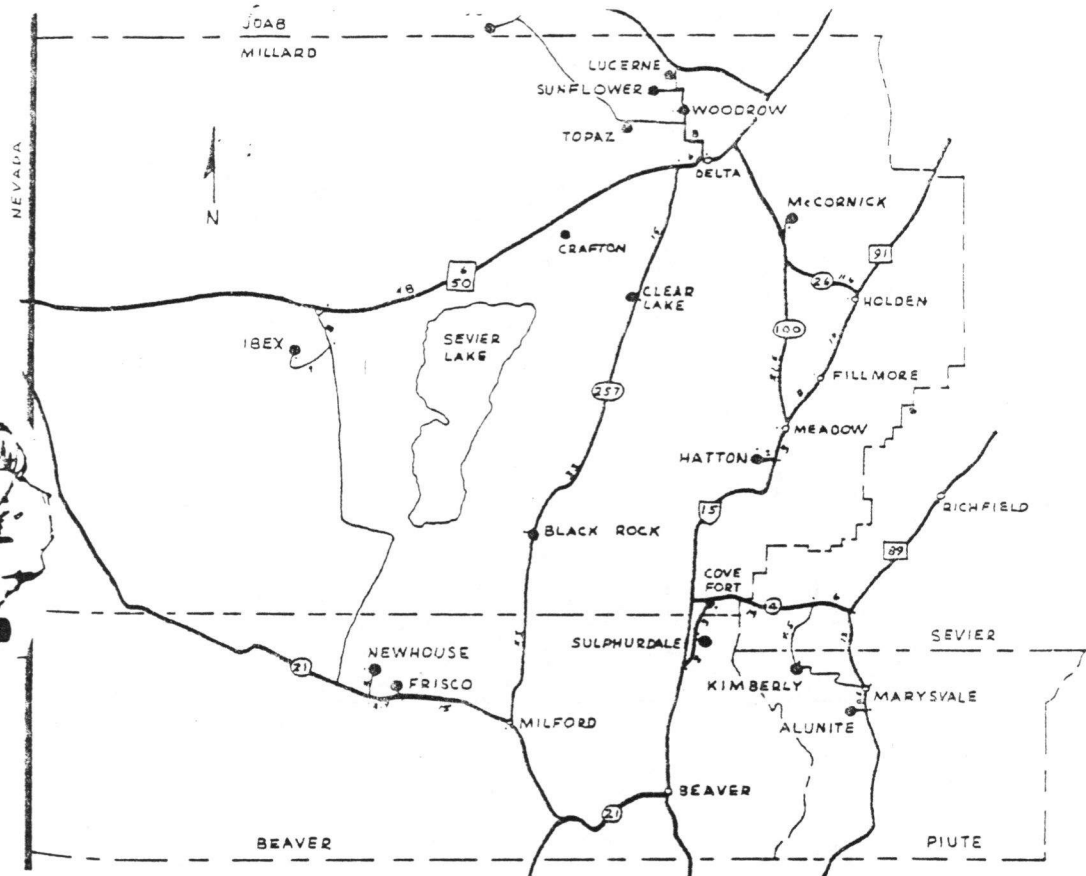
Frisco is a far cry from the 1870 hey-days but remains as one of Utah's most intact and ghostly abandoned towns. Numerous buildings, in various states of decay, and store shells dot the townsite.



Fifteen miles on State Highway 21 west from the center of Milford is a short dirt road leading off to the right (north-west) into the business district of Frisco. Five beehive-shaped charcoal kilns sit brooding over empty stone walls, derelict equipment and remains of a mill. Railroad grades run in several directions. A block and a half further west along the highway a well marked railroad grade leads into the mining section of town. Several ancient frame stores and houses are dug into the hill, while more sturdy buildings, shutters creaking in the wind, sit down on the tailings dumps. A most fascinating place.

FRISCO

Our annual Frisco trip is scheduled for May 25-27. Meet at the Redwood Multi Purpose Center at 8:30 May 25 if you want to travel in a caravan. It should be a fun trip. See you there.



MEDALS

Last years medals that have not been picked up from Bob Campbell will be sold. If you ordered medals and didn't pick them up, this is your last chance to get them.

The 1991 medal price will be \$5.60 for the bronze and \$13.00 for the silver. We will be taking orders at the meeting.

COIN AND TOKEN SHOW

will be There trophies for BEST OF SHOW and PEOPLE'S CHOICE exhibits. Get started on yours. If you need any help putting one together, contact Bob or Byron.

NATIONAL UTAH TOKEN SOCIETY

SALT LAKE CITY COIN & TOKEN SHOW

EXHIBIT RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Exhibits must be entered in one of the following categories:
 1. TOKENS
 2. MEDALS
 3. U. S. and/or FOREIGN COINS
 4. CURRENCY & SCRIPTOPHILY
 5. JUNIOR
 6. HAND-HELD COLLECTABLES
(OTHER THAN THOSE LISTED)
2. The points system to be used in judging is, as follows:
 - A. Information measured in terms of educational value to the viewer.....35
 - B. Arrangement and originality, manner of presentation.....30
 - C. Completeness, range, scope and variety of coverage shown by the exhibit as it relates to the exhibit title or theme.....15
 - D. Condition quality of exhibited material compared to the highest known quality of like material.....10
 - E. Rarity, considering condition of exhibited material.....10
3. Awards will be given by the Exhibit Chairman to 1st and 2nd place in each category and for Peoples' Choice and Best of Show. All other exhibitors will receive a participation award.
4. Exhibitors are limited to members of a Utah State coin club and only one exhibit. Entries will be accepted on a first come, first reserved basis according to these rules until all available space is allocated. Applications will be accepted until ten (10) days prior to show date.
5. Exhibits must be set up by 10:00 A.M. on the first day of the show and removed at any time after 2:00 P.M., but not later than two (2) hours before closing the last day of the show.

APPLICATION TO EXHIBIT

I, _____, a member of _____ coin club, desire to exhibit in the NATIONAL UTAH TOKEN SOCIETY COIN & TOKEN SHOW and agree to the rules and regulations of exhibits. I understand that neither the NATIONAL UTAH TOKEN SOCIETY, its members, nor its officers are liable for any loss or damage to my exhibit.

Category: (check one) 1.____ 2.____ 3.____ 4.____ 5.____ 6.____

Size of exhibit or other special requirements: _____

I ~~will~~, will not (cross out one) need a case for my exhibit.

CASE SIZE WILL BE 22" X 34" X 3"

C/O Eric Bernkopf
Exhibit Chairman
National Utah Token Society
1123 E. 2100 S.
Salt Lake City UT 84106

(signature)

(address)

(date)

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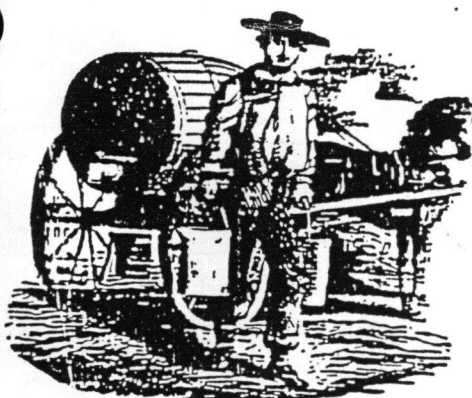
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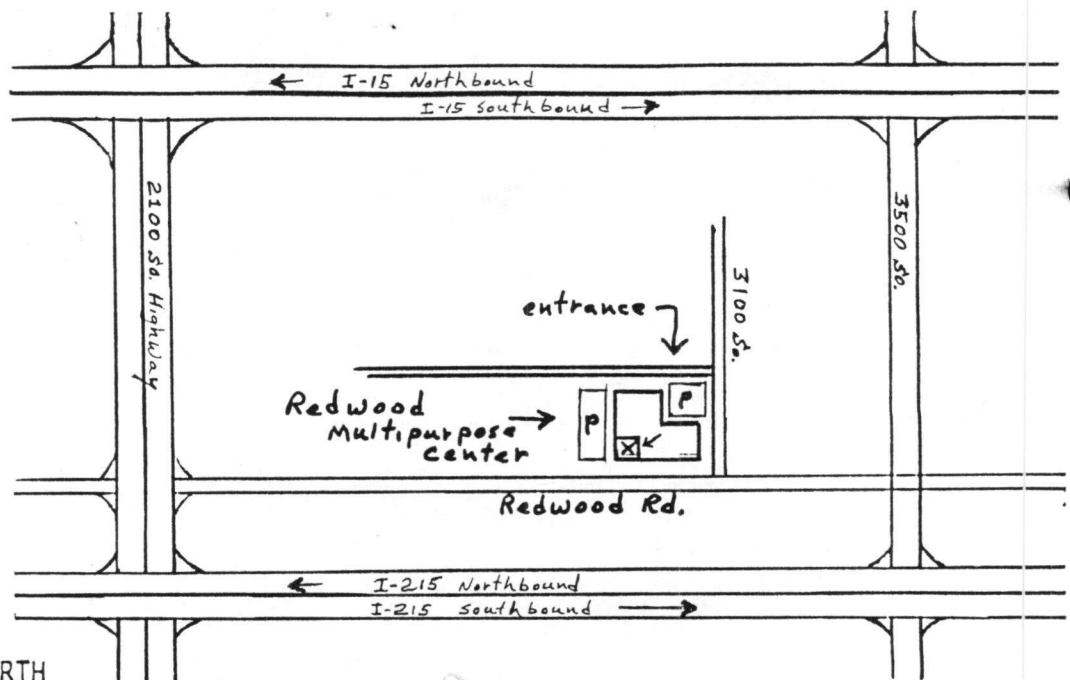
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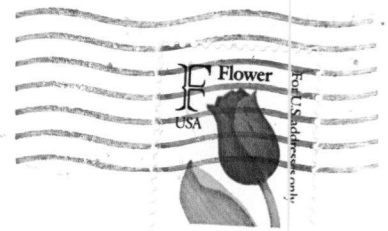


MEETINGS ARE HELD THE FOURTH
THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH, UNLESS
OTHERWISE SPECIFIED AT:

**REDWOOD MULTIPURPOSE
CENTER, 3100 SOUTH
REDWOOD ROAD S.L.C.**

7.15p.m.

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